

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-64 in the application. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-16 and 33-64 have been allowed. To expedite issuance, the Applicants have canceled Claims 17-32 without prejudice or disclaimer. No other claims have been amended, canceled or added. Accordingly, Claims 1-16 and 33-64 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 17-18, 20, 23-26, 28-29 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 17-18, 20, 23-26, 28-29 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0086541 by Brown, *et al.* The rejection, however, is now moot since Claims 17-18, 20, 23-26, 28-29 and 31-32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection and allow issuance of the pending claims.

II. Rejection of Claims 19, 21-22, 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 19, 21-22, 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown. The rejection, however, is now moot since Claims 19, 21-22, 27 and 30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103 rejection and allow issuance of the pending claims.

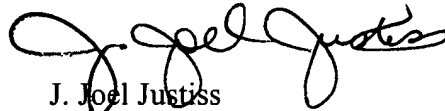
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-16 and 33-64.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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